enable them to operate the new modern machinery, ensuring timely supply of quality inputs and enforcement of production norms are the important steps being taken by Government to improve the working of the Press.

**Production of Pulses**

*92. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of pulses has been declining in the country and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the deficiencies identified for low productivity have remained unattended as a result of which the programme of making the country self-sufficient in pulses has crashed; and

(c) if so, the persons responsible for the same and what action has been taken or proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) No, Sir. Figures relating to the production of Pulses for the last three years are given below. These show that the production is not declining.

| Year | Production (in million tonnes) |
|---|---|
| 1984-85 | 11.96 |
| 1985-86 | 12.97 |
| 1986-87 (Estimated) | 13.00 |

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Development of Bihar Sharif City**

*93. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities in Bihar for which development scheme have been formulated by Government and the amount allocated for the purpose;

(b) whether the condition of Bihar Sharif city which is also the headquarters of Nalanda district is deplorable; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any development programme for this city and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha, (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Bihar was allocated six new towns under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The State Government indicated their priority for 6 towns and these have been covered under the Scheme. They have, however, now formulated a project for the development of Bihar Sharif town also.

The details of the project, as indicated by the State Government, are as under:—

| | Rs. in lakhs |
|---|---|
| 1 Municipal market at Laheri Mohalla | 9.00 |
| 2. Road Schemes | 19.17 |
| 3. But station complex | 56.56 |
| 4. Low cost sanitation | 21.92 |
| Total: | 106.65 |

In case, on a mid-term review of the Seventh Five Year Plan, additional funds are allocated for the I.D.S.M.T. Scheme, coverage of Bihar Sharif town under the Scheme could be considered.

**Statement**

*Funds released for various towns in Bihar, under the Scheme of IDSMT*

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Town | Amt. released upto June, '87 |
|---|---|
| *Sanctioned prior to 7th Plan* | |
| 1. Hajipur | 42.18 |
| 2. Gopalganj | 21.15 |
| 3. Saharasa | 4.00 |
| 4. Daltonganj | 30.00 |
| 5. Chapra | 10.00 |
| 6. Dumka | 18.50 |
| 7. Chaibasa | 30.50 |
| 8. Begusarai | 40.00 |
| 9. Deoghar | 40.00 |
| 10. Arrah | 26.00 |
| 11. Hazaribagh | 34.20 |
| 12. Bettiah | 36.37 |
| 13. Giridih | 30.70 |
| 14. Dhanvad | 34.91 |
| 15. Katihar | 27.70 |
| *Sanctioned during 7th Plan* | |
| 1. Siwan | 27.22 |
| 2. Krishanganj | 31.43 |
| 3. Sitamarhi | 10.50 |
| 4. Buxer | 20.00 |
| 5. Purnia | 25.86 |
| 6. Nawadah | 14.39 |
| Total | 556.11 |

**State Housing Ministers Conference**

*94. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stressed the need to speed up the work relating to housing during the recent State Housing Ministers' conference held during May this year;

(b) what are the details of the outcome of the conference and whether the State Governments have sent their comments and suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and further steps taken to boost the housing activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 24 resolutions dealing with various aspects of housing, with special emphasis on devising suitable policies and programmes to promote and step up housing for the poor, the economically weaker sections and the low income groups, were adopted by the Conference. The Resolutions have already been forwarded to State Governments and UT Administrations for appropriate follow-up action.

(c) Various measures like formulation of a detailed National Housing Policy, setting up of National Housing Bank and housing finance intermediaries, launching of IYSH National demonstration projects in the context of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless-1987, review of certain laws affecting housing activity, etc. have been undertaken or are under way.

**Formulation of a national water policy**

*95. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Water Policy to overcome the drought which is prevailing in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether it will solve the inter-state problem of water sharing also?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The National Water Policy, which is under formula-